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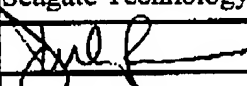
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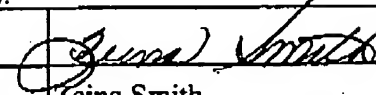
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ELECTION

Dear Sir:

This letter is in reply to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2005.

Election Requirement

Claims 1-17 were subjected to a restriction requirement on the basis that the apparatus of claims 1-11 and 17 (Group I) are patentably distinct from the method of claims 2-16 (Group II).

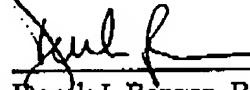
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Respectfully submitted,

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